

cannot replenish until you relieve me, therefore must Solicit you to Send the remains of my stipend in your hands as early as convenient—If I Should have to send you any rod in future I shall pay more attention to it than the former, & between ourselves I must inform you that this is not the only thing our friend M^r. R [Ramsay]⁶⁹—has displeas'd me in, The day on which your bill was presented I waited on the old gentleman & inform'd him in writing the day on which it would become due, at Same time urging him to compleat the Sales of your first Shipment by that time, when the Brig arriv'd I put the Shipment by her into his hands & again put him in, mind of the day on which I should be compel'd to pay the bill, notwithstanding which, he went out of Town to [2], to [install, sic] a Sett of Mills, within two days and has not yet return'd, 2 Hhds Tob^o. & 2 Casks Rice of the first Shipment are Yet unsold, and he [Ramsay] left his Son without even the power to draw Money out of the Bank, this reduc'd me to a dilemma, & I was under the necessity of taking up 100 Dollars, of a userer, at an extravagant premium.

You made a mistake of a month in drawing on the P. M. G., [Postmaster General] the quarter ends the last [of] March you drew payable [on] the first, this Subjected me to a Small inconvenience, add to them the game play'd me by S. & B. [Stuart & Barr] of which I inform'd you in a former Letter,⁷⁰ who have not yet return'd me either the Certificate of York or any compensation in lieu, and you may with truth Suppose that for a few Days I had but a disagreeable time of it, however I have work'd through, our faith is Sav'd & I am Satisfy'd, I shall again push S & B for the Certificate, or Money, as I can Sell it in its present unliquidated State for at least the Sum of £25.4.7. which they Say is due to M^r. Coart, If I Should not be able to get either I trust you will pardon my weakness, folly, or call it what you please & take the first opportunity of remitting me to the amount, as I believe when I can prevail on M^r R—to close his Sales & Accounts it will be found I am Something in advance even if I Succeed with S & B, [Stuart & Barr] So that your remittance cannot come amiss, if there is a Surplus I can lay it out as you Shall order—I Send a coat pattern for Billy Keais, which I place to your account for the present, Capt Keais

⁶⁹Ramsay. The Blounts had done business with Ramsay and Coxie, a firm in the mercantile business in New York, some time earlier. *The John Gray Blount Papers*, I, 132-133.

⁷⁰See his letter of December 19, 1789, *The John Gray Blount Papers*, I, pages 520-523.